THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir. A pilot project is being carried out at Ahmednagar in collaboration with Yeshwant Rao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YOMOU) for the transmission and reception of educational lessons on subjects like women welfare, child care, health etc. meant for people in rural and semi urban areas. The system developed for this purpose is named Radiotext|SCA Subsidiary Channel Authorisation) for providing additional auxiliary service in FM broadcast without disturbing the normal programmes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Des not airse.

Satellite Feed from Carcas not brought to India

3219. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Satellite Feed from Caracas, Venezula, taken during P.M.'s recent visit did not come to India from Caracas thereby causing the loss of 30000 US dollars;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the erring officials;

(d) what are the guidelines for P.M.'s or V.I.P. coverages by International satellite and how Government money is spent thereon; and

(e) whether Government propose to take any preventive steps to avoid such loss?

TNE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e) The details are being collected.

Upgradation of Najibabad Station of All India Radio

3220. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medium Wave Najibabad and Almora Stations of All India Radio is very weak;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to upgrade and strengthen this Radio Station for the benefit of the adjoining districts of Almora;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

TNE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) While AIR Najibabad has a high power 100 KW/MW) Transmitter, AIR Almora is equipped with a low power (1 KW MW) Transmitter.

(b) to (d) AIR Najibabad is already equipped with a high power transmitter. As Almora town is marked by hilly terrain, augmentation of the power of the radio transmitter functioning in Almora shall not result in any appreciable increase in its coverage area. There is, therefore, no proposal at present for its upgradation.

Advisory Committee for All India Radio and T.V. Programmes

3221. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Advisory Committee on All-India level and for Delhi Stations separately for the broadcast/telecast of programmes especially for music and other cultural fields; and

(b) if so, the details of the same, their tenure and the mode of their constitution?

TNE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There is no Advisory Committee on All India level. However, there are Programme Advisory Committee attached to Delhi All India Radio Station